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PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF
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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

The undersigned Attorney respectfully petitions to extend the time for taking action in the above-identified application for ONE month. The original period for response was set to expire on 26 November 2003. The statutory period expires on 26 February 2004. The extension fee is \$55.00. This application is on behalf of a small entity. Please charge any additional fee which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-0581.

Respectfully submitted;

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